112 Turk Drive
Moraga, CA 94556

July 29, 1997

Cupertino Historical Society
10185 N. Stelling Road
Cupertino, CA 95014

The enclosed donation is made as an expression of thanks to the Harold Dixon family who contributed so much to my memories of a happy childhood in Cupertino. Please let Florence Dixon Lindsey know that I have made this gift in appreciation of her lifelong friendship and in loving memory of her parents and brother Don.

Jean Montgomery Grunbaum

Jean Montgomery Grunbaum

Florence DIxon Lindsey
754 Melon Court
Sunnyvale, CA. 94087



MATTHEW WILLIAM DIXON

True 49er Matthew Dixon came to California with high hopes.

Born in Virginia March 28th 1828, the family moved to Jackson County, Missouri in 1840. Just four days after his 21st birthday, April 1, 1849 crossed the plains to California, arriving in Sacramento September 28th.

After mining in "Hangtown" (Placerville) he came to Santa Clara County and settled in Mountain View and purchased two claims. He joined the Feather River excitement in 1851 and mined a few months at Bidwells Bar before returning to farm in Mountain View.

July 21, 1852, Matthew married Eliza Whisman, daughter of John and Hannah. The Whismans were the first overland immigrants to settle in Mountain View in 1847. Whisman Road is named for the family.

From the union of Matthew and Eliza, were two children, James Knox Polk and Rachel Emily. In 1865, these pioneers moved to Harrisburg (Warm Springs) near Milpitas to land purchased in 1861. The Alameda and Santa Clara County lines went down the middle of the property. In 1866 Matthew lost his wife, Eliza. His second wife was a widow, Rhoda Emmons. They had three children, Harriet, Virginia and Matthew Jr.

Besides his livestock and grain, Matthew built warehouses along Coyote Creek where hay was stored and then transported by two masted schooners and flat bottomed scows to San Francisco.

In addition, Matthew had a political career, serving from 1869-1888 as Alameda County Supervisor, Assemblyman and State Senator.

He was highly respected in both public and private life. Matthew died in 1915 at age 87. Dixon Landing and Dixon Landing Road are named after Matthew.

DIXON FAMILY

A true 49er, Matthew Dixon, father of James Knox Polk, crossed the plains from Missoui, arriving in Sacramento September 28, 1849. After mining he settled in Mountain View and married Eliza Whisman. Whisman Road is named for her parents, John and Hannah. In 1865 the Dixon family moved to Harrisburg (Warm Springs) near Milpitas to farm and raise stock on 300 acres. The Alameda and Santa Clara Line went down the middle of the property. Matthew built warehouses along Coyote Creek where hay was stored and then transported by two masted schooners and flat bottomed scows to San Francisco. Between 1869-1888 he served as an Alameda County Supervisor, Assemblyman and State Senator. Dixon Landing and Dixon Landing Road are named for Matthew.



Matthew William Dixon
of Dixon Landing Road
b. 3-19-1828, VA

1997.204.5



Matthew William Dixon
of Dixon Landing Road
b. 3-19-1928, VA

1997.204.5

EBENEZER DIXON m HARRIET McCOWN

BORN 10-15-1799 - VA BORN: 3-16-1807 VA

MARRIED 8-7-1823 KANAWHA Co. VA - 1863 - WEST VA.

DIED 3-22-1884 DIED: 1893 or 4

MOVED TO JACKSON Co. - MO. - 1840

10 CHILDREN - MATTHEW DIXON #3



Matthew William Dixon
b. 3-19-1828 VA

1997.204.46

FAMILY HISTORY

FAMILY MEMBER:

MATTHEW WILLIAM DIXON

BORN: 3-19-1828 - Virginia KANAWHA Co

DIED: 9-19-1915 Vallejo, Ca

FATHER: EBENEZER DIXON MOTHER: HARRIET McCOWN

MARRIED ELIZA ANN WHISMAN 1-25-1852

CHILDREN: JULIA ANN BORN 12-4-1853 DIED 9-5-1858

JAMES KNOX POLK BORN 8-21-1855 DIED 4-14-1904

? Emily RACHEL EMMA LEE BORN 10-4-1858 DIED 8-28-188?

MARRIED RHODA ANNA BELLE KAVANAUGH EMMONS 10-7-1866

CHILDREN: HARRIET ELIZABETH BORN 1-21-1869

VIRGINIA GERTRUDE BORN 7-30-1872 D. 5-3-190?
(JENNIE)

MATTHEW WILLIAM BORN: 5-6-1874 D. 7-23-19?

NOTES WEST VIRGINIA WAS PART of Virginia until 1863. THE DIXON FAMILY MOVED TO JACKSON COUNTY MISSOURI IN 1840. APRIL 1, 1849 MATTHEW LEFT TO CROSS THE PLAINS TO CALIFORNIA. ARRIVING IN SACRAMENTO ON SEPTEMBER 28th HE DID SOME MINING AT HANGTOWN (PLACERVILLE) THEN PROCEEDED TO MOUNTAIN VIEW, SANTA CLARA County TO FARM. IN 1851 HE MINED A FEW MONTHS AT BIDWELL'S BAR THEN RETURNED AND ENGAGED IN STOCK-RAISING. IN 1865 HE MOVED TO 300 (ADDED MORE LATER) ACRES NEAR HARRISBURG (MILPITAS) WHERE THE ALVISO SANTA CLARA LINE WENT down THE MIDDLE OF HIS PROPERTY. BESIDES RAISING LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN MATTHEW BUILT WAREHOUSES ALONG COYOTE CREEK AT THE PORT IN

MILPITAS WHERE HAY WAS STORED AND LATER TRANSPORTED TO SAN FRANCISCO BY BARGE. DIXON LANDING ROAD AND DIXON LANDING AR BOTH NAMED FOR HIM.

IN HIS POLITICAL CAREER FROM 1869-1888 HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS AN ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSEMBLYMAN, AND, LATER STATE SENATOR.

IN LATER YEARS HE RESIDED WITH HIS DAUGHTER IN VALLEJO

HENRY ABEL BOUGHT THE DIXON HOME AND WITH TEAMS OF HORSES MOVED IT SOUTH TO A LOT BESIDE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHUR IN MILPITAS.

THE CHURCH AND HOME WERE TORN DOWN OVER A DECADE AGO

TEN YEARS BEFORE 1985

CUPERTINO-MONTA VISTA
COURIER
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1964 VOL. 17, NO. 36

The Human Touch by A. "PETE" EMIG

THE FAMILY HISTORY OF HAROLD W. DIXON OF CUPERTINO

BEGAN IN THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF HIS GRANDFATHER, MATHEW W. DIXON, IN 1849. MATHEW WAS BORN IN KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND STARTED HIS TREK TO CALIFORNIA ON APRIL 1, 1849, FROM JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.

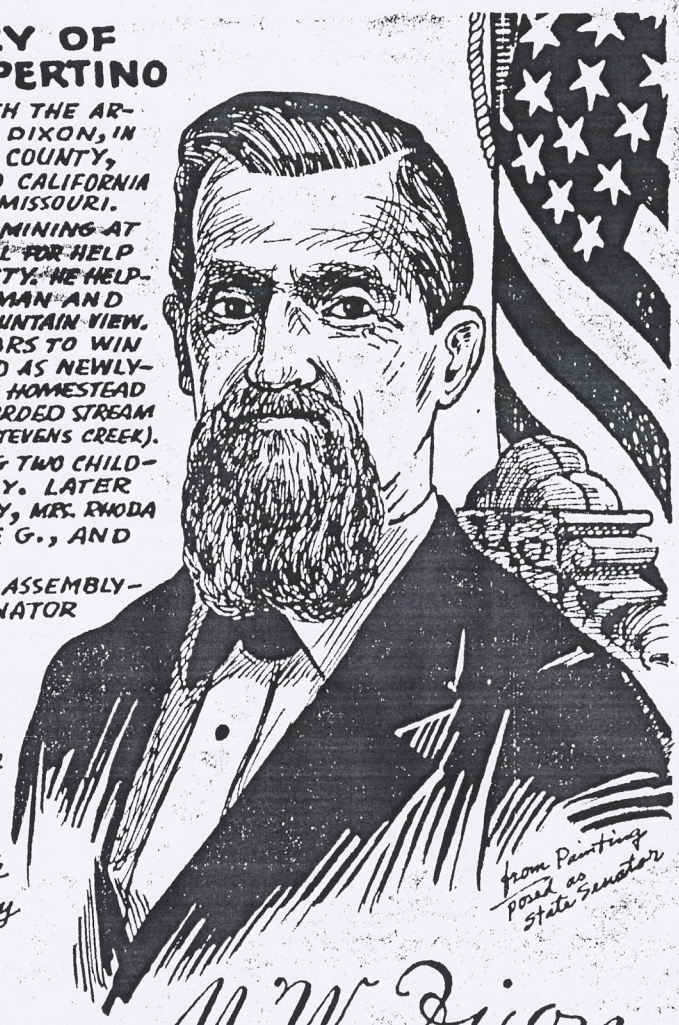
YOUNG MATHEW HAD JUST STARTED MINING AT HANG-TOWN (NOW PLACERVILLE) WHEN A CALL FOR HELP CAME FROM THE ILL-FATED DONNER PARTY. HE HELPED, AMONG OTHERS, A FAMILY NAMED WHISMAN AND STAYED WITH THEM TILL THEY REACHED MOUNTAIN VIEW.

IT TOOK BACHELOR MATHEW TWO YEARS TO WIN THE HEART OF MISS ELIZA WHISMAN, AND AS NEWLYWEDS PURCHASED TWO CLAIMS FOR THEIR HOMESTEAD NEAR THE U.S. SURVEYOR GENERAL'S RECORDED STREAM CALLED CUPERTINO CREEK (NOW KNOWN AS STEVENS CREEK).

IN 1866, ELIZA PASSED AWAY, LEAVING TWO CHILDREN, JAMES KNOX POLK AND RACHEAL EMILY. LATER THAT YEAR MATHEW MARRIED, SECONDLY, MRS. RHODA A. EMMONS, AND HAD HATTIE, JENNIE G., AND MATHEW W. JR.

THE HON. MATHEW W. DIXON SERVED AS ASSEMBLYMAN IN 1875 THRU '78, AND AS STATE SENATOR IN 1885 THRU '88, ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET. A DESCRIPTION OF HIS CHARACTER, PRINTED IN 1883, SAYS OF HIM:

"His motto in life has evidently been – to conquer or die. His name is associated with all that is good; his official career has ever been without blemish, while in private life he is deservedly honored by his fellow-citizens."



M. W. Dixon
1829-1915

ADVICE TO HIS GRANDSONS: "NEVER SIGN ANYBODY'S NOTE, IT'S BAD BUSINESS."


JAS. K.P. DIXON
FROM 1899 PHOTO

HAROLD'S FATHER,

JAMES KNOX POLK DIXON,

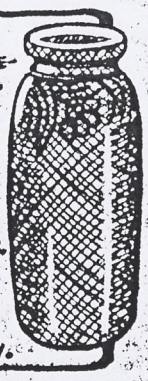
(1855-1904) WAS THE FIRST MANAGER OF THE SAN JOSE BRANCH OF THE HOME UNION STORE AT WEST SIDE, IN 1891, AND LOCATED ON THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THE CROSSROADS, NOW HWY. 9 AND STEVENS CREEK BLVD.

A FEATURE OF HAROLD W. DIXON, ONE OF THE THREE OLDEST CUPERTINO BORN MALE PIONEERS STILL WITH US, WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

THIS 2 GAL. BEAN POT, HAROLD'S HEIRLOOM, IS A REMINDER OF THE JOHN W. WHISMAN FAMILY AS MEMBERS OF THE DONNER PARTY.

WHISMAN'S LANDING WAS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE OF CUPERTINO CK. INTO THE BAY, AND SO RECORDED IN THE SANTA CLARA CO. HALL OF RECORDS.

THE WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A STREET IN MT. VIEW IS NAMED IN HONOR OF HAROLD'S GRANDMOTHER'S FAMILY.



FROM [illegible]
[illegible] MURPHY'S
DIXON
NIGHTER
[illegible]

Crock - which was brought across the plains in 1846 with the train which the Donner party seperated from and met with such disasles. Her (Edichs) great grandfather and great grandmother Whisman to whom the crock belonged, came through safely over the Emigrant trail. as did other relatives, David Campbell who married a daughter of the whismans. and Benjamin Campbell. The town of Campbell 5 miles from San Jose was named for the Campbells. and Edichs own grandmother was in train also -

Turn to page 4 -

WHISMAN'S KNEW DIXON'S IN JACKSON, CO - MISSOURI

JOHN & HANNAH WHISMAN
ELIZA
JAMES K. DIXON
[illegible] DIXON
FLORENCE DIXON [illegible]

DONNER PARTY, a west-bound group of SETTLERS UNDER GEORGE DONNER which SUFFERED DISASTER in the SIERRA NEVADA in the WINTER of 1846-1847. Caught by SNOW in early NOVEMBER, the party of 87 - of whom 39 were children, 17 of them under 6 - was FORCED to MAKE camp just within the CALIFORNIA BORDER. A few SUCCEEDED in BREAKING through on foot, but the 1st of 4 Relief parties from Sutters Fort (Sacramento) did not Reach the camp until Feb. 22. the last SURVIVOR BROUGHT out APRIL 22. 47 Survivors









Dixon Landing Rd.
-Memories Of Bay-Borne Commerce

By ED HERING
Mercury Staff Writer

Cargoes of hay and grain were wrestled aboard two-masted schooners not so long ago little more than a good stone's throw from the latest interchange on the Nimitz Freeway.

This freeway, one of today's most popular freight routes, passes close by what was one of the best transportation facilities a century past.

Not many settlers in the area remain who recall the original Dixon Landing road, the place it arrived at and the person for which it is named.

Dixon Landing was a cluster of pilings on the east bank of the Coyote Creek channel where flat-bottomed scow schooners tied up to take on loads of feed.

Sen. Matthew William Dixon, a true Forty-Niner who crossed the plains to seek his fortune.

Instead of finding it in the Gold Rush, he operated the export business profitably and became a state senator.

After selling his claims — gold in Placerville and farming in Mountain View — he bought 300 acres in what is today northwest Milpitas.

Three years after the move across the Bay, he erected three large, rough wooden warehouses at his landing in 1868.

One of the 50-by-100-foot peaked structures collapsed during an earthquake the same year, according to an account in the "History of Washington

Today, as in those days, the Coyote channel served as the Santa Clara - County - Alameda County boundary west of the landing. His property straddled the line to the east.

The landing road, a wagon path then, the bustling north entry to Milpitas today, tied together the Dixon family house and the warehouses.

The two-story residence was originally located east of Old Oakland road (today's N. Main street) north of the United Auto Workers Hall at 51 E. Dixon Rd, in Milpitas.

Designations for the street are Dixon Road east of Main, Dixon Landing Road to the west.

It was also the route into the Diablo Range and the Calaveras Valley ranches. Much of the feed exported to San Francisco through Dixon's Landing was harvested in those hills.

Weller W. Curtner, who recalls the landing in operation during his boyhood, scrapped the three warehouses to build sheds on his ranch in the hills east of the landing site.

That was in 1915 after wind toppled them. He paid $100 for the lumber.

A native of the area, Curtner says Dixon Landing was typical of the small ports rimming the edge of the North and South Bays.

Such facilities supplied the voracious appetite of San Francisco's horse population until the automobile replaced it.

Althugh Dixon Landing was used solely for the export of feed, apparently the larger Warm Springs Landing to the north in addition served steam paddlewheelers plying the San Francisco-Alviso passenger and vegetable route originating shortly after 1850.

Open, double sailed, scow schooners regularly visited Dixon's dock, departing with loads of 100 tons or better.

Curtner explains that stacking the bulky, 250-pound wired hay bales and sacked barley into railroad boxcars proved more troublesome than heaving the cargo onto the boat decks.

Fire danger from locomotive sparks prevented piling the feed on open flatcars using the San Jose - Oakland line near the landing.

Dixon originally attempted grape growing, but it is likely the crop suffered the same root disease that doomed Santa Clara Valley vinehards in the late 1800's, Curtner recalls.

The senator's main source of livelihood then, presumably, was as an orchardist and from storage and handling fees at the landing.

One account indicates Dixon was also a grain farmer.

Soon after arriving on the county line, the West Virginia native from Missouri was elected supervisor in Alameda County to a two-year term through 1870.

Four years later he won election as an Independent to the State Assembly and was elected to a second term in 1877.

His sole surviving grandson, Harold W. Dixon of Cupertino, son of James Dixon, says the pioneer was sent to the Senate by unanimous acclaim in 1885 where he served two consecutive terms.

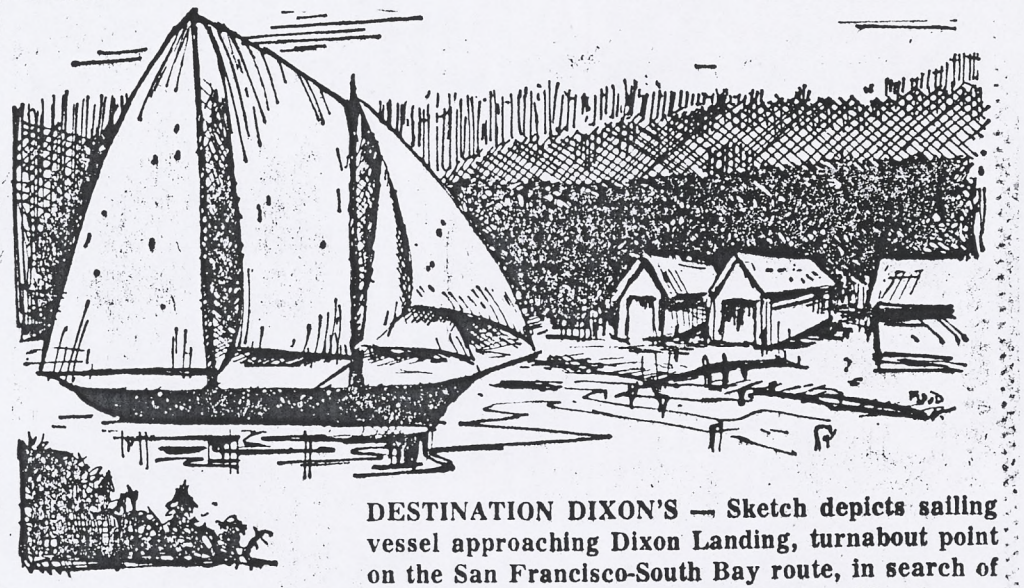
Dixon died at the age of 87 in 1915. He married his first wife, Eliza Whisman, in 1852. The couple had two children, James Knox Polk Dixon and Rachael Dixon.

Six months after Eliza died in 1866, Dixon married Mrs. Rhoda Emmons, and three children were born, Hattie, Jennie and Matthew Jr.

The original Dixon house was purchased in 1905 by the late Milpitan, Henry Abel, and laboriously moved by a team of horses to 319 S. Main St., where it is used today as a residence owned by St. John's Catholic Church to the north.

Dixon Landing Road today leads to a modern day export business, San Jose Scavenger Company's dump.

THE MERCURY
MONDAY
Oct 16, 1967



DESTINATION DIXON'S — Sketch depicts sailing vessel approaching Dixon Landing, turnabout point on the San Francisco-South Bay route, in search of baled hay and barley for return voyage. Warehouses near Milpitas provided boatloads until early 1900's.

HON. MATHEW W. DIXON.—The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Kanawha County, West Virginia, March 28, 1828. In 1840 he accompanied his parents to Jackson County, Missouri, and there resided until the year 1849, when, emigrating, he crossed the plains to California, starting on April 1st and arriving at Sacramento on the 28th September. Having mined at Hangtown (now Placerville) until November 1st, he then proceeded to Santa Clara County, where he settled near Mountain View, and purchased two claims, farming in that section until 1865. In that year he moved to the place on which he now resides, having previously purchased it in 1861, and consisting of some three hundred acres. Besides having engaged in grain-raising, Mr. Dixon also owns an interest in certain warehouses in Milpitas, Santa Clara County, which were erected in 1868. In 1869 he was elected to the Board of Supervisors, and served two years; was elected to the Assembly from Alameda County in 1874 on the Independent ticket, being re-elected in 1876 by the Democrats. In 1882 Mr. Dixon was nominated for the Senate by the Democratic Convention by acclamation, and only lost his seat by the paltry majority of forty votes. In Mr. Dixon we have one of those men, who, from small beginnings, has sprung into prominence by his own indomitable perseverance and unaided efforts. His motto through life has evidently been—to conquer or to die. His name is associated with all that is good; his official career has ever been without blemish, while in private life he is deservedly honored by his fellow-citizens. Married, firstly, July 21, 1852, Miss Eliza Whisman, a native of Jackson County, Missouri, who died May 10, 1866. By that union there are two surviving children, viz.: James K. Polk, and Rachael Emily. Married, secondly, October 7, 1866, Mrs. Rhoda A. Emmons, and has Hattie, Jennie G., and Mathew W., Jr.

Oakland - M. W. Wood 1883

PEN PORTRAITS

HON. W. M. DIXON,

Union Springs

Is a member of the Assembly from Alameda County, where he has resided since 1865. He resides near Harrisburg, is about 48 years of age, a married man, a farmer, a pioneer of California, and a Democrat. He is a native of Virginia, and crossed the plains to California,

Member of Assembly {1875 - 1876
{1877 - 1878
Senate {1885 - 1886
{1887 - 1889

in 1849, settling for a short time at "Hang Town;" thence to Santa Clara County. In 1851 he joined the Feather River excitement, and mined a few months at Bidwell's Bar, returning again to Santa Clara County where he engaged in stock-raising for a couple of years. The county line of Alameda and Santa Clara Counties runs through Mr. Dixon's ranch, and he has resided on one side of the line, or the other, for the past 28 years; but on the Alameda side continuously for the past 12 years, during which he has followed his favorite business of farming. He has served his county two terms as member of the Board of Supervisors, and was a member of the Assembly at the last session of the Legislature, receiving his nomination from the Democratic party, and an endorsement by the Independent party. His careful and consistent course during that session insured his return to the present Assembly, he being the only man elected on his ticket. Mr. Dixon makes more than an average member, is conscientious in all his business pursuits, whether public or private, and in matters of legislation adheres strictly to an economical administration. He deserves well the confidence of the whole people. He is chairman of the Committee on Attaches and Employees, and a member of the Committees on Commerce and Navigation, Corporations, and Chairman of Committee on Public Buildings.

By R.R. Parkinson
(S.F.: Alta California Print 1878)

Pages 56 & 57

MILPITAS
The Century of 'Little Cornfields'
1852-1952
By Patricia Loomis

California History Center
Local History Studies
Volume 30 1986

PAGE 17+18

Pioneers of the 1860s included Englishmen William Jacklin, John Winsor and Samuel Ayer, 49er Matthew Dixon, Nova Scotia sea captain Calvin Valpey, Ireland-born Michael Bellew, Canadians Joseph Bradshaw, Edward Topham and David Boyce, New Yorker Reuben Barber, Missourian William J. Burnett, Charles Beverson from Germany and Henry Curtner from Indiana.

Valpey, who was to give his name to a mountain ridge and a creek far east of Milpitas in the Diablo range, had come to San Francisco in 1851, and had operated schooners on the bay for several years before sending for his family and buying property at Harrisburg.

Dixon was a neighbor of the Valpey family, coming to Harrisburg and buying land on both sides of the county line in 1861 after a brief go at mining in the Placerville area.

He built his house back from the Mission Road and constructed a lane from there to his landing and warehouses near the side of the much later Fremont Airport. Valpey built a landing next to Dixon's.

Two-masted schooners and flat-bottomed scows tied up at the crude docks to load hay, grain and produce from Milpitas and Southern Alameda County.

The two-story Dixon house was shaken off its foundation in the October, 1868 earthquake and Mrs. Dixon was pinned by her long skirts between the porch and the wall of the house until rescued by her young son.

The building was later moved to south Main Street (the name given Mission Road through the Milpitas business district) adjacent to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and became the residence of the Henry Abel family for many years.

OVER-

EXCERPTS FROM MILPITAS
1852-1952 continued -

The reporter visited the M.W. Dixon ranch, 600 acres

page
28-29

on the Warm Springs road and partly in Alameda County. It was pointed out an effort was made at the last Legislative session to change the county boundaries which would bring the entire Dixon ranch into Santa Clara County, but it failed. One of the features of the ranch is the Warm Springs landing belonging to Dixon and Capt. Valpey, the reporter noted.

page
34

Nineteen-year-old Aldace N. Ashley came to Milpitas with his family in 1883, his dad going into partnership with James K.P. Dixon to operate a general store, in which young Aldace worked until buying the partners out in 1887.

PAGE
83

Over the past 100 years the wilderness noted by the Spanish explorers and the gold rush pioneers had been cleared by plows and crosscut saws, and the plains cut into farms and orchards and fields planted to hay and grain.

The oldest landmarks had been replaced, but little changed.

The Mission Road still stretched north and south, and Calaveras Road ran down from the eastern hills to join the road to Alviso. The Higuera and Alviso adobes remained part of the landscape, and there were still folks named Parks, Abel, Curtner, Murphy, Winsor, Sepulveda, Rose and Zanker living in the area.

Oldtimers were still able to pick out the farms of Jacklin, Evans, Dixon, Trimble, Weller and Dempsey, whose names had been preserved on roads that criss-crossed the flatland and climbed into the hills.

1 Abel Road

It was cattle roundups in Nevada and the butcher business in Milpitas through the generations for the pioneer Abel family.

It is still cattle for some of Henry Abel's descendants, but the butcher business which operated three delivery wagons is long gone.

In fact, there's not much in Milpitas that Henry would find familiar. His house, the church in which he worshiped, and the school for which he served as a trustee are gone. The Oakland Road is now paved and known as Main Street and Nimitz Freeway has cut through the Abel cow pasture on Trimble Road. But beyond what was the western edge of town, Abel "Signposts" came to mark a wide street in the 1970s.

The hitching posts and water troughs are gone and the narrow wagon road back to the Calaveras Valley where Abel and his sons delivered fresh (less than a day old) meat has been paved, widened, and fancied up at its western end with the name "boulevard".

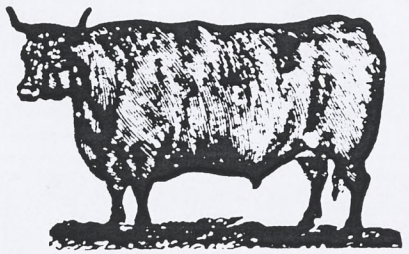
Milpitas had been known as a town less than two decades when Henry Abel brought his bride there to live in 1874. It boasted a post office, school, blacksmith shop, wagon and farm implement business, general store, hotel and saloon —all strung out along a short section of the road to Oakland. The mud hole that covered a big hunk of the road to Alviso at Coyote Creek had just been filled.

Dixon Landing was doing a brisk business shipping hay, grain, vegetables and fruit from the ranches of such as Josiah Evans, Henry Curtner, Samuel Ayer, William Boots and John Trimble, as well as the small farms in Calaveras Valley to the east.

Milpitas in 1874 was becoming an agricultural center and shipping point on the railroad as well as the bay.

Henry Abel liked the town's prospects and decided to stay.

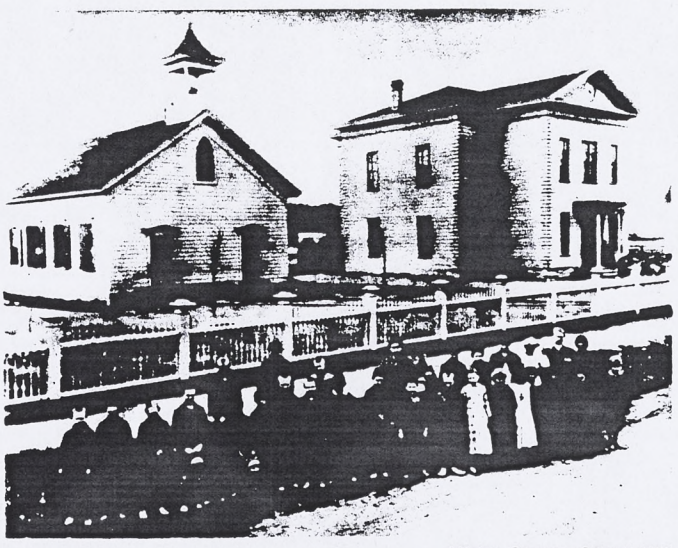
Orphaned at a young age, he had come out from Wisconsin in 1869 when he was 18. He first went to Stockton where he worked for a surveyor. He next got a job on the Warm Springs ranch of Josiah Stanford (elder brother of Leland) where he met an Irish lass, Margaret Gilhooly Mulhern, whom he married at Mission San Jose in April, 1872. This information was from granddaughter Mrs. John Donovan who, with her husband, developed Serra Shopping Center on Abel Street in the 1970s.



After Henry Abel got settled in Milpitas, he sent for his brothers and sisters, George H., Edwin, Annie and Henrietta. The girls eventually married into the Cropley and Evans ranching families who have left their names on area roads.

Henry Abel bought the Matthew Dixon home and with teams of horses moved it south to a lot beside St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, grandson George S. Abel said. It was torn down more than a decade ago as was the old church.





Milpitas Grammar School, 1892

ELIZA ANN WHISMAN

BORN: 12-28-1831 JACKSON Co. MISSOURI
DIED: 5-10-1866

MARRIED: MATTHEW W. DIXON - 1-25-1852
FATHER: JOHN W MOTHER - HANNAH
NOTES: ARRIVED WITH PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS (12) FROM MISSOURI BY COVERED WAGON 1846-7. SETTLED IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA.

MARRIAGE TO MATTHEW - THREE CHILDREN

Julia Ann Dixon B: 12-4-1853 D: 9-5-1858 AGE 4 YRS 9 MO.
James Knox Polk Dixon - B: 8-21-1855 D: 4-14-1904 AGE 48+
~~Rachel~~ Emily (~~Emma~~ Lee) B: 10-4-1858 D: 7-28-1885 AGE 26+

COMMENTS: THE WHISMAN FAMILY TRAVELED PART WAY WEST WITH THE DONNER PARTY. CAME INTO CALIFORNIA VIA OREGON ALONG WITH the CAMPBELL FAMILY

ELIZA 1st Wife of MATTHEW





Dr. Henry H. Warburton

Dr. Henry H. Warburton's old office building contains at least one exhibit that's sure to give a bottle collector palpitations of the heart.

In a collection of cures and remedies by a pioneer San Jose druggist is a small hand-blown bottle with the lettering "That Wond'rous Liniment!".

It once contained the world-famous remedy concocted by August Schoenheit and had its place in the cupboards of valley homes alongside the Lydia Pinkham bottle and papa's mustache cup.

Schoenheit's Pioneer Drug Co. served San Joseans for more than half a century. A German immigrant, Schoenheit came to San Jose in 1853 and took over Davini's 1849 drugstore, said to be the first in the state.

Besides the liniment, Schoenheit also dispensed sarsaparilla of his own manufacture, a corn cure, the Medical Lozenge "Help", and something called "Specific No. 1". We don't know about this last remedy, but the liniment was just the ticket for backaches, headaches, rheumatism, sprains, "sore throat and colds, cramps, cholera—morbus and convulsions."

It would hardly seem anyone need call a doctor if he had laid in a good supply of Schoenheit's products.

51 Whisman Road

In gold rush days one of the milestones along the wandering road between San Jose and San Francisco was the Whisman place . . . home of the first overland immigrant family to settle in what was later Mountain View.

Travelers planned on spending the night at Whisman's. The food was good, the family "very kind and pleasant," and the beds were free of the fleas which, in most of the other stopping-off places, made sleep impossible.

Today a road and a school district bear the Whisman name, which is strangely missing from early county histories, voting rolls or even cemetery records.

John W., his wife, Hannah, and their 12 children made the trek from Missouri by covered wagon in 1847, when the route was something less than a well-marked highway.

In the fall of 1849, Whisman established the first stage line between San Jose and San Francisco, using an old French omnibus pulled by mules and mustangs which failed to provide exactly first-class service, but was better than nothing.

After the first rains washed out the road, Whisman had to abandon the route and began operation on a sometimes schedule between San Jose and Alviso, where passengers could board steamboats for San Francisco.

He re-established his original route in the spring of 1850, charging a fare of $32 or "two ounces" of gold. Competition, with better equipment, forced Whisman to sell out in the summer of '50, and he apparently devoted his efforts to farming and acquiring property thereafter.

County records indicate that Whisman at one time owned the Posolmi grant, the 3,390 acres given in 1844 to the Indian Lopez Ynigo, and on which Moffett Field Naval Air Base is located today. (The records indicate he sold some of this land to Daniel Frink, Wesley Gallimore and a man named Moss sometime prior to a sale in February, 1857, of 1700 acres to James Cobb).

In the early 1850s he and his son-in-law, William Haun, estab-





Mt. View School in the 1890s

lished a flour mill in what was later to be called Saratoga.

The Whisman home "commands a view of the Bay," one traveler wrote in June, 1850, noting "the ground back of the house is covered with a heavy growth of trees and fields of wild mustard." He said the Whisman family "transported us back to Yankeeland," and remarked on the "good breakfast, fine butter churned this morning being the greatest luxury."

The house was 12 miles from San Jose, 10 from Mission Santa Clara, diarists noted, and in '48 and '49 grizzly bear and herds of wild cattle were hazards of nighttime travel.

The road which is called Whisman appears in county records as early as 1852 and shows on an 1876 map as leading off the Mountain View-Alviso Road to Whisman Slough where Whisman may have had a landing from which to ship flour from his mill and hay and grain from his fields.

About the only other information concerning Whisman is that he was a trustee of the old Santa Clara Female Seminary founded in the early 1850s . . . a logical position for the father of nine daughters.

How long family members remained in Mountain View, and what happened to them has left blank areas in the geneology.

Mrs. Edward Whisman of Sacramento, wife of a great-great-grandson, obtained the names and birthdates of John W. and his large family from an old Bible, but has been able to trace only a few descendants.

Two of the girls married into the Haun family; another, Alpha, died the year after the family arrived. Two of the children married members of the early-day Dixon family (Dixon Landing Road in Milpitas is named for Mathew Dixon, husband of Eliza Whisman).

On September 20, 1848, a notation in the family Bible records the double wedding of Andrew Whisman and Seralda Lynn (Linn?) and Polly Whisman and David Campbell, the latter the brother of Benjamin Campbell for whom the city is named. This may well have been the first double wedding here in American times.

Andrew and his family moved to Harrisburg (early name of Warm Springs) in 1865, and he and Seralda died there and were buried with three of their 11 children in the Washington Corners (Irvington) Cemetery.

Polly and David Campbell are believed to have moved to Tulare County.

Hannah Whisman was still living in October, 1879, as a newspaper article noting the death of her son, Andres, said she was with him during his last brief illness.

Today there are Whisman descendants in Chico, San Francisco, Sacramento, Los Angeles and probably a dozen other cities.

And some of the early members of the family may still be in Mountain View . . . buried in the old Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery, now a city park.



Left top
James K.P. Dixon

Right top
Matthew Dixon

L to Right Harold S. Dixon

Howard B. Dixon

FAMILY HISTORY

FAMILY MEMBER:

RHODA ANNABELLE KAVANAUGH

BORN: 5-3-1843

DIED: 8-17-1919 Vallejo, CA

FATHER WM. P. KAVANAUGH MOTHER: ELIZABETH HILYARD

MARRIED: GEORGE F. EMMONS 12-1-1861 DIED 6-1-64

CHILD: GEORGE AUERIS MORRIS EMMONS BORN 7-27-62 DIED 11-14-64

MARRIED: MATTHEW WM. DIXON 10-1-1866

CHILDREN: HARRIET ELIZABETH DIXON B. 1-21-1869 D. 4-19-1956

VIRGINIA GERTRUDE DIXON B. 7-30-1871 D. 5-31-1955

MATTHEW WM. DIXON, JR. B. 5-6-1874 D. 7-23-1955

NOTES: HARRIET DIXON, DAUGHTER OF RHODA WAS ABLE TO TRACE HER ANNCESTRY THROUGH HER MOTHER AND WAS ACCEPTED TO MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

COMMENT: RHODA DIXON WAS THE only GRANDMOTHER HOWARD AND HAROLD DIXON KNEW. SHE WAS A WARM PERSON and MUCH LOVED by THEM

Mrs. Rhoda A. Dixon, who had been ill for two weeks, died at her home, 731 Sonoma street. She was 76 years of age.

Aug. 17-1919

Aunt Hattie's mother



JAMES KNOX POLK DIXON

James was born to Matthew Dixon and Eliza Whisman August 21st 1855 in Mt. View, California where Matthew was farming and raising stock.

In 1865 the family moved to Harrisburg (Warm Springs) near Milpitas.

In San Francisco in 1880 James married Mary Willis Tinkham known as Mamie. She was the daughter of Sea Captain Harrison Tinkham and Mary Ann Snow originally from Massachusetts.

James was first in partnership in commerce in Milpitas, did commission work in San Francisco and held a political job at the U.S. Mint. A son, Howard, later to become a doctor, was born in 1889.

James and family in 1890 moved to the quiet community of West Side. (Cupertino) In 1890-1893 the village consisted of a Community Hall, Union Church, Blacksmith Shop, Cooper Shop, Merchandise Store with Post Office, a Doctor's Office and a scattering of homes. Grapes and grain were the chief farm products.

In 1892 son Harold was born and James became the first manager of a Branch of the San Jose Home Union. Located at the southwest corner of the crossroads, the much needed store was built by Enoch Parrish, owned by Alex Montgomery, and leased for 10 years to the San Jose Home Union. James resumed his life in Commerce, and for 63 years the Dixon family were involved at "Cupertino Corners", the heart of the Community.

Around 1900 first in her home (the old Alex Montgomery home), and then in Home Union, Mamie Dixon started a lending Library comprised of light fiction, semi-historical novels, factual books relating to History and Travelogues. She selected and purchased and made a small weekly charge for their use for which she received no pay. This service, with rules and regulations, was called West Side Book Club until 1904 when it was changed to Cupertino Book Club. This was in existense until 1912-13 when Fanny Jollyman was hired to work in the office of Cupertino Store and in 1914 was paid to manage the new Cupertino Branch of the County Public Library.

1902 ~~In 1898~~ Alex Montgomery offered to help finance James in the purchase of the store he was managing. Alex sent for his nephew Arch Wilson, accountant in ~~Morgan Hill~~. James knew grain and merchandise and Arch would handle the office. As partners in 1902, the store was renamed The Cupertino Store, "Dixon and Wilson."

James became the first Notary Public in the area, was a trustee at Union Church and prominent in fraternal organizations. Known for his straight forward honesty and sterling integrity, James was very active in the community at his untimely death in 1904.

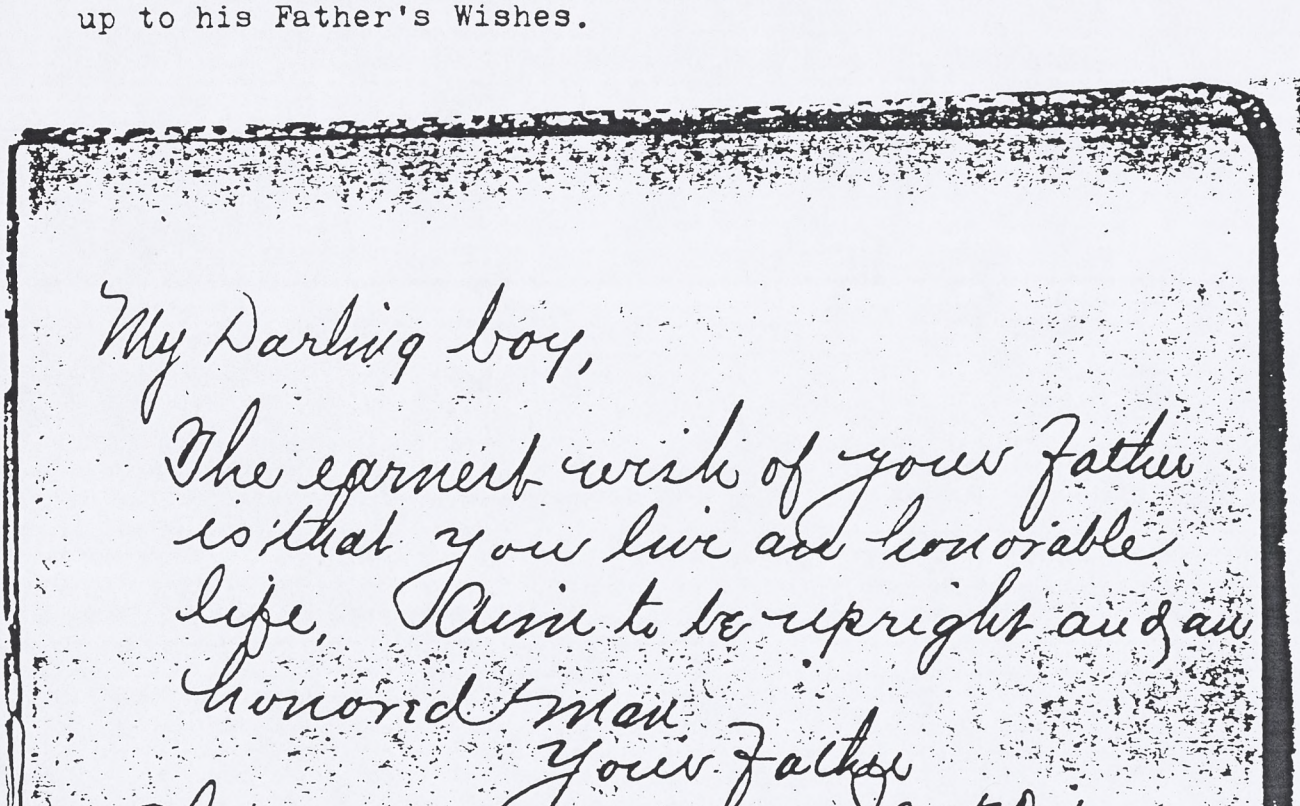
When James died he left his wife Mamie, and two sons Howard and Harold, and when the estate was settled the family was able to retain 1/8th interest in the store which was then to become Cupertino Store Inc.,Arch Wilson, Manager.

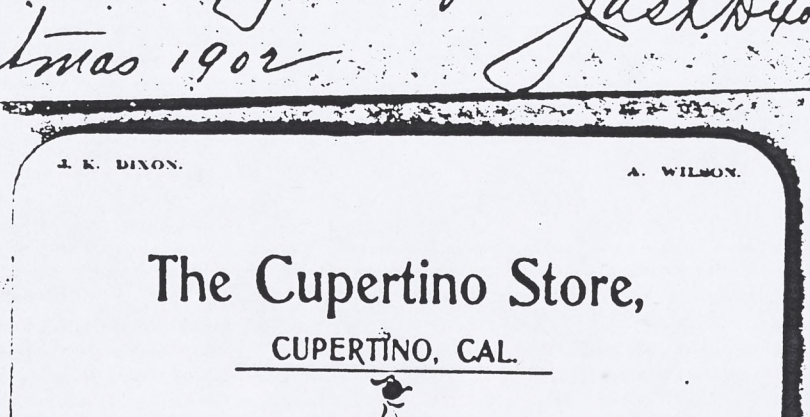
James K. Dixon cont.

James did leave a legacy to his son Harold. In an autograph book in 1902 this message was written:

My darling boy,
The earnest wish of your father is that you will live an honorable life. Aim to be upright and an honored man.
Your father,
Christmas 1902 Jas K Dixon

Harold cherished these words and vowed he would live up to his Father's Wishes.


My Darling boy,
The earnest wish of your father is that you live an honorable life. Aim to be upright and an honored man.
Your father
Jas K Dixon
Christmas 1902





FAMILY HISTORY

Family Member:

JAMES KNOX POLK DIXON

BORN: 8-21-1955 MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA.

DIED: 4-14-1904

BURIED OAK HILL CEMETARY - SAN JOSE, CA

MARRIED 6-29-1880 MARY WILLIS TINKHAM (MAMIE)

FATHER: MATTHEW WM. DIXON MOTHER: ELIZA ANN WHISMAN

GRANDFATHER: EBENEZER DIXON GRANDMOTHER: HARRIET McCOWN

CHILDREN: RHODA WILLIS DIXON B. 9-29-1886 D. 6-1-1887

HOWARD BUCKNAM DIXON B. 6-10-1889 D. 9-21-1951

HAROLD WHEELER DIXON B. 7-9-1982 D. 2-25-1974

DATA: JAMES LIVED IN MOUNTAIN VIEW AS A YOUNG CHILD, WHILE HIS FATHER FARMED AND RAISED STOCK ON TWO CLAIMS. IN 1865 THE FAMILY MOVED TO WARM SPRINGS NEAR HARRISBURG (MILPITAS) JAMES GREW UP ON THE RANCH. IT WAS A BUSY LIFE. AFTER MARRIAGE JAMES WENT INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ASLEYS AND OPERATED A GENERAL STORE IN MILPITAS WHICH HE WAS TO SOON SELL. DURING THE GROVER CLEVELAND ADMINISTRATION JAMES WORKED IN THE UNITED STATES MINT IN SAN FRANCISCO UNTIL A CHANGE IN OUR U.S. PRESIDENT IN 1890 JAMES, MARY AND SON HOWARD MOVED TO THE COMMUNITY OF WEST SIDE. (CUPERTINO) WHEN THE WESTSIDE BRANCH OF THE SAN JOSE HOME UNION STORE WAS COMPLETED & LEASED (PROPERTY BUILT AND OWNED BY ALEX MONTGOMERY) JAMES BECAME THE MANAGER. ALEX OFFERED TO HELP FINANCE JAMES AND HIS NEPHEW ARCH WILSON IN THE STORE PURCHASE. JAMES KNEW GRAIN & MERCHANDISE ARCH WOULD HANDLE THE OFFICE. WHEN THE LEASE FROM HOME UNION ENDED JAMES AND ARCH BECAME PARTNERS - THE STORE WAS RENAMED "DIXON AND WILSON" THE CUPERTINO STORE until THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF JAMES IN 1904.



Mary Willis Dixon
"Mamie"

1997.204.39



Florence M. Dixon, "Mamie" Dixon, Mrs. Sarah Durkee, and Mrs Avid(?)
c 1923
1997.204.40



From left to Right: Howard, Mary Willis, James, and Harold Dixon family



Dixon Family
Howard, Mamie, Harold and James

1997.204.196



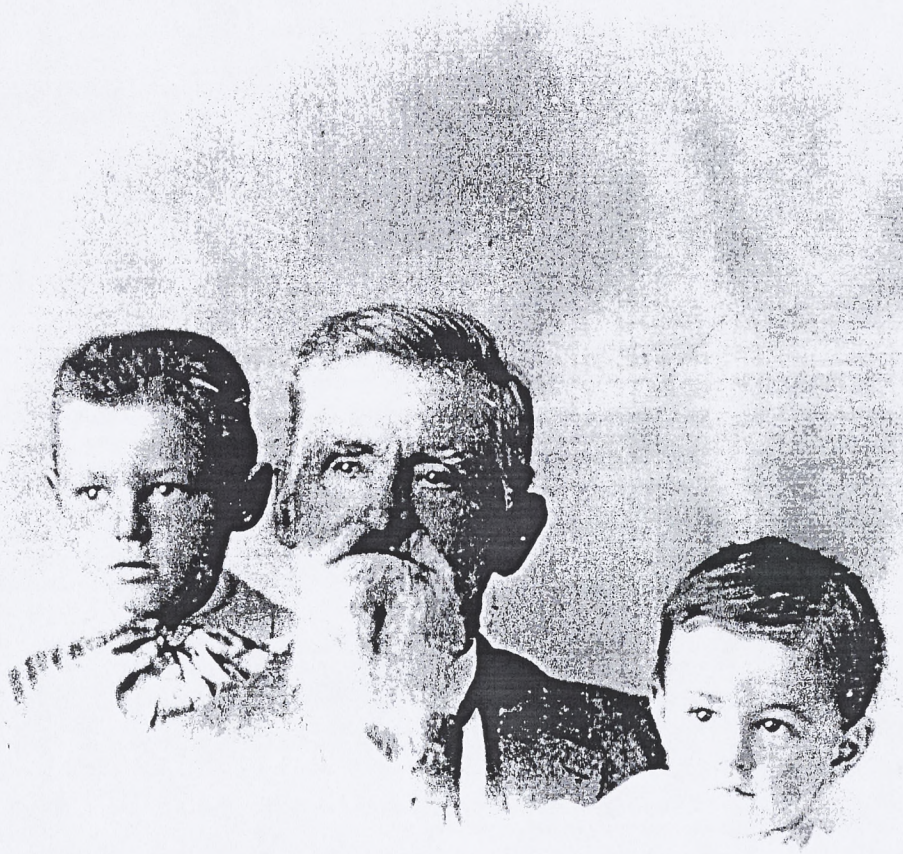
James Knox Polk Dixon
and Son Howard Dixon
1981.204.28



Harold Wheeler Dixon, b July 9, 1892 @ Cupertino Corners

1997.204.29

From Left to Right: Howard B. Dixon, Matthew Dixon (Grandfather) and Harold Dixon 1997.204.30





Alex Montgomery Residence about 1888
(1888)

ALEX MONTGOMERY THEN
DIXON HOME 1890. BEHIND
HOMEUNION STORE-Southwest
CORNER MT. VIEW-SARATOGA Rd
FACING STEVENS CREEK.
STORE & HOUSE MOVED 1904-5
STORE STEVENS CR. HOUSE MT. VIEW SARATOGA Rd



City and County of San Francisco,

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

These Presents are to authorize and license any Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Superior Court, Justice of the Peace, Priest, or Minister of the Gospel of any denomination, within the City and County of San Francisco, to join in Marriage

James K. Polk Dixon Age 24 Years,

Place of Residence Harrisburg, Alameda Co, Cal,

and

Mamie Willis Tinkham Age 25 Years,

Place of Residence 27 Glen Park Ave, San Francisco, Cal

And certify the same according to law.

They are of sufficient age to contract marriage.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this Twenty-ninth day of June 1880

William A. Stuart

County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, and ex-officio Clerk of the Superior Court thereof

L. H. Bailey Jr. Deputy Clerk.

James K. P. Dixon
AND
Mamie M. Tinkham

Marriage License
AND
CERTIFICATE of MARRIAGE.

Recorded at the Request of
Yours truly
June 30th A.D.
1880. at 10 min. past 1 o'clock P.M.
and recorded in Book 35 of Marriage Certificates
Page 33.
Records of
City and County Records.

State of California,

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

This Certifies, That I. J. K. Noble

a Clergyman of the City and County of San Francisco,

UNITED IN MARRIAGE, in the City and County of San Francisco, on

the thirtieth day of June A.D. 1880

James K. Polk Dixon

AND

Mamie Willis Tinkham

Residence Harrisburg. Cal	Residence San Francisco
Age 24	Age 25
Color White	Color White
Single or Widowed Single	Single or Widowed Single

As authorized by the within Instrument, and in accordance with the Laws of the State of California.

Witnesses: Residences:

Edward A Wheeler San Francisco

Edmund H Buchanan " "

J. K. Noble
Pastor Plymouth Ch
San Fran

San Francisco, this thirtieth day of June 1880



1891-2



1892-5
West Side Branch of the Home Union Store
Southwest Corner of the Crossroads
In the center of the image is Howard Dixon (near post), James K. P. Dixon (manager) and Madge (Dog) Same as 2010.004.0007 and 1997.204.15

1898: Home Union Store: 1997.204.18





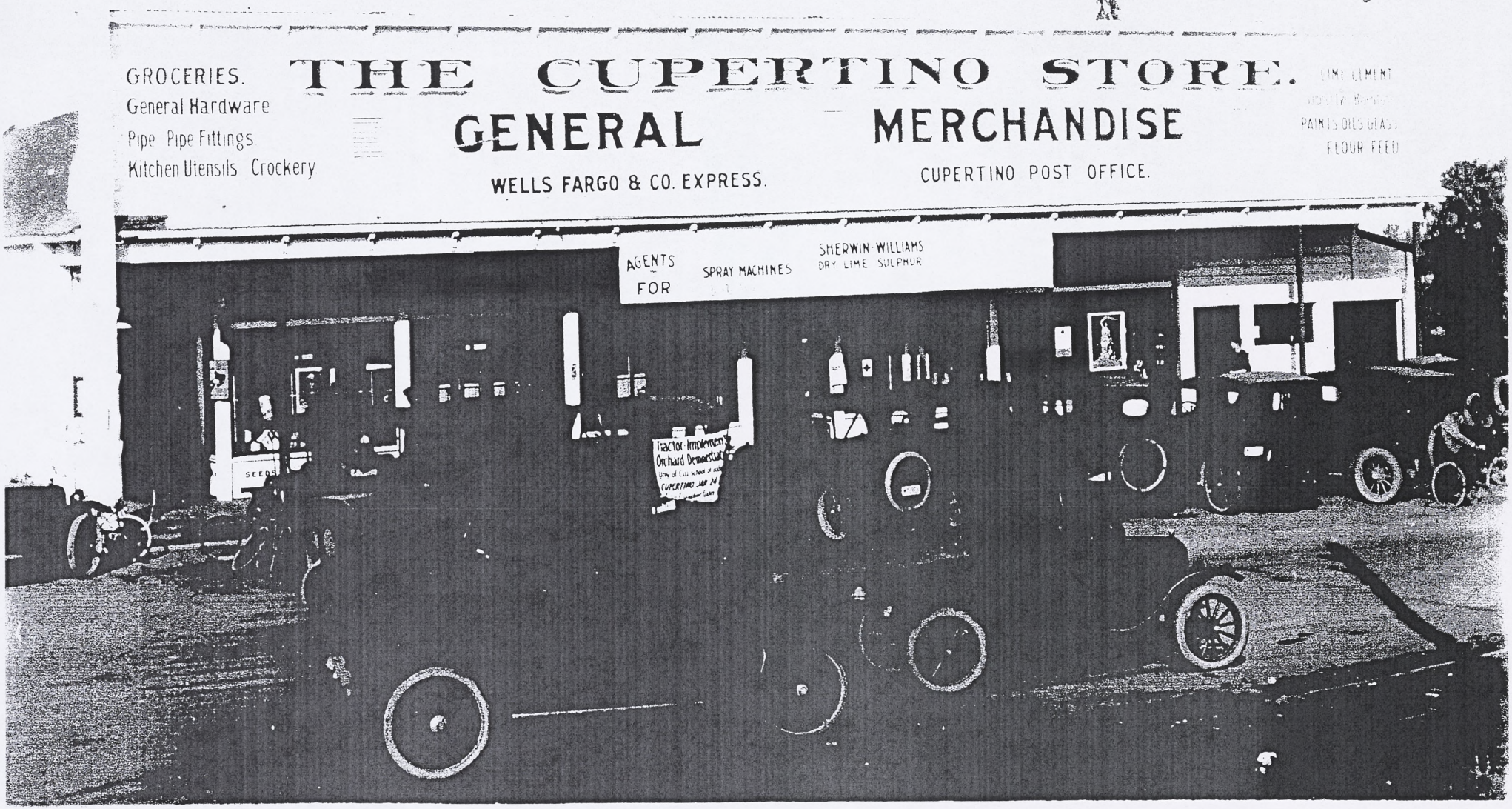
The Village of West Side; acc 2009.029.0012 / 1997.204.14


AGRICULTURAL
HOME UNION
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
WEST SIDE POST OFFICE



Branch of Home Union Store
James Dixon (3rd from Left)
1997.204.17

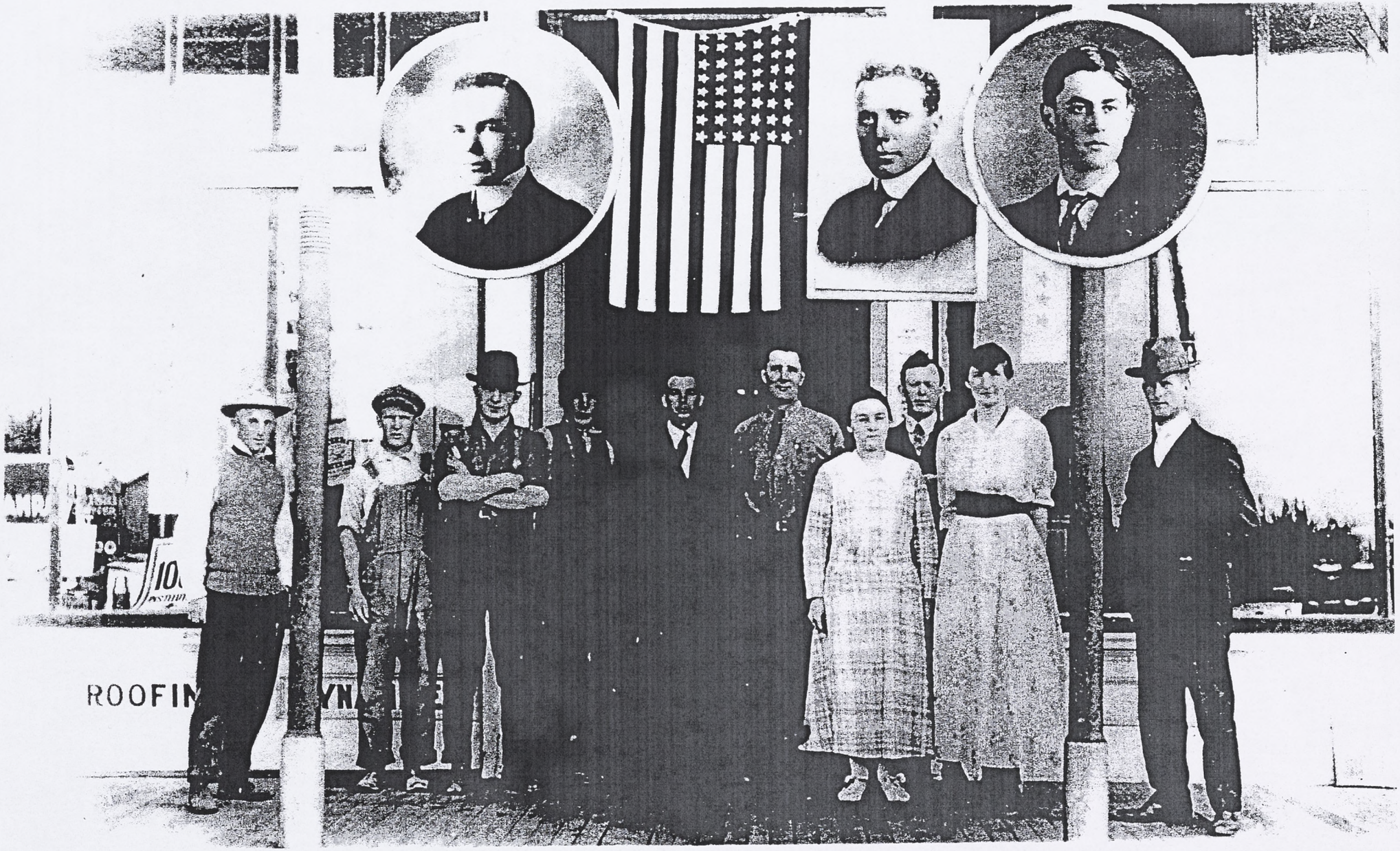




Cupertino Store, c. 1910
From a postcard entitled "Busy Day"
Related object: 2001.016.0001 Wood Block / 1997.204.22



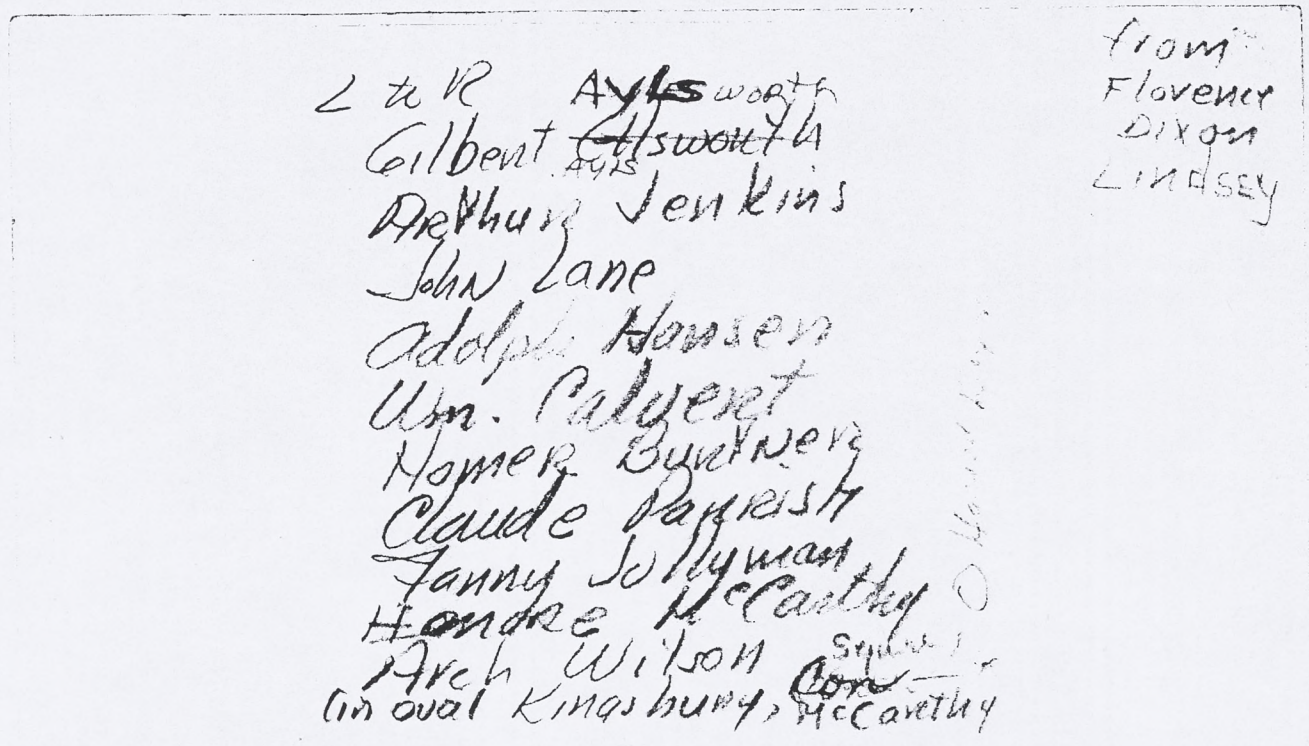
Cupertino Store, post 1965
1997.204.23



Cupertino Store Staff, 1917-18

See 2000.058.0005 / 1997.204.21

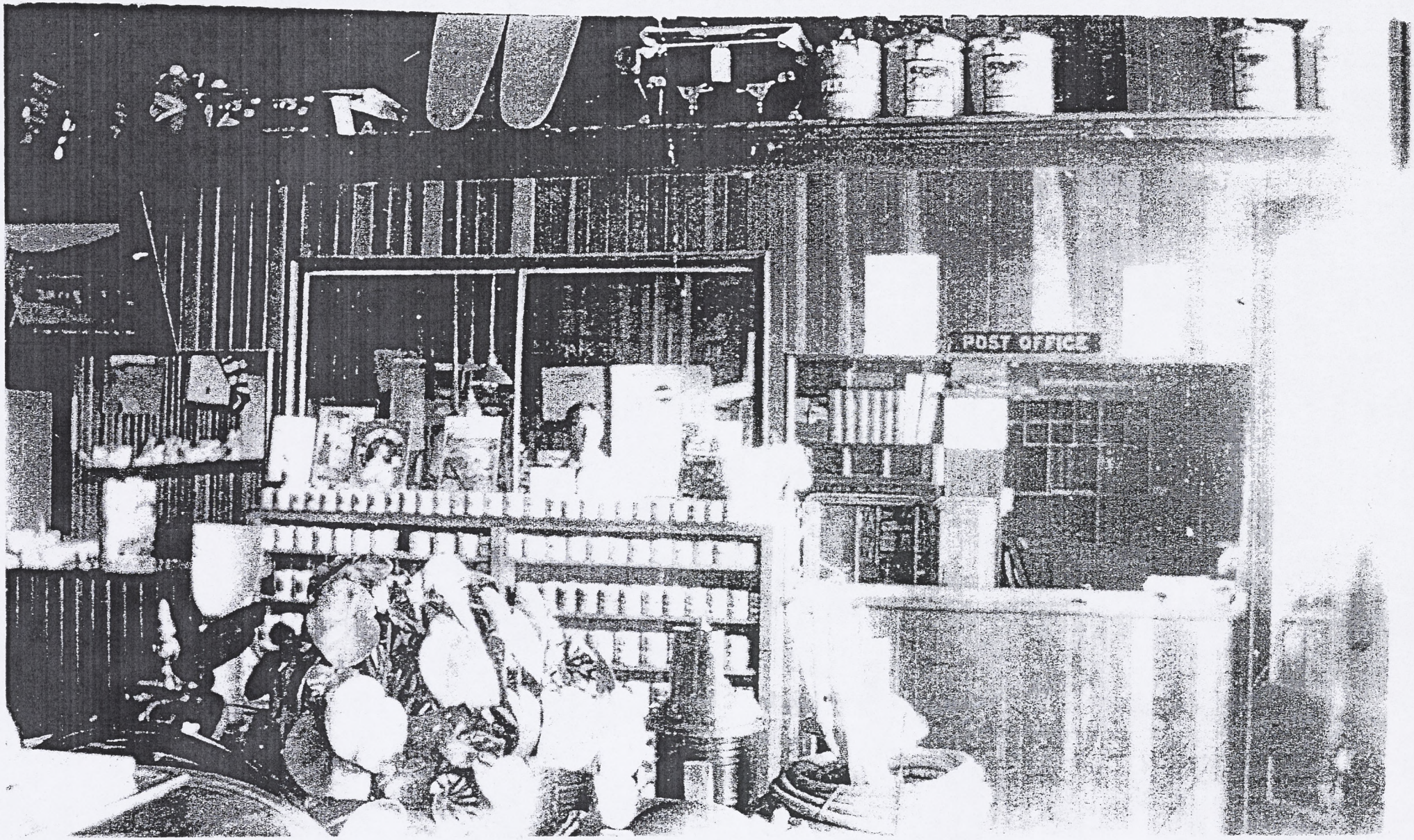
1917



L to R Aylsworth
Gilbert Aylsworth
Arthur Jenkins
John Lane
Adolph Hansen
Wm. Calvert
Homer Burtness
Claude Parrish
Fanny Sullyman
Honore McCarthy
Arch Wilson
Original Kingsbury, McCarthy

from Florence Dixon Lindsey

Same as 2000.058.0005



Cupertino Store, Interior
Homer Burtner behind the Counter
1997.204.24



Dixon Family Gathering

1997.204.47

L TO RT - STANDING
Howard B. Dixon - son of J.K. Dixon
Matthew W Dixon
His wife Jesse - son of Matthew
Harold W Dixon - son of J.K. Dixon
Matthew W. Dixon
Woman -
~~Perhaps Rhoda Annabelle Dixon~~

Boy - Kenneth Daniel Dixon Crosby
Lady Rhoda Annabelle Kavanaugh Emmons Dixon
2nd wife of Matthew
Girl Virginia Rhoda Crosby

1997.204.47 Related

STATE OF CALIFORNIA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, *That, reposing special confidence in the capacity and integrity*

of Jas. K. Dixon,

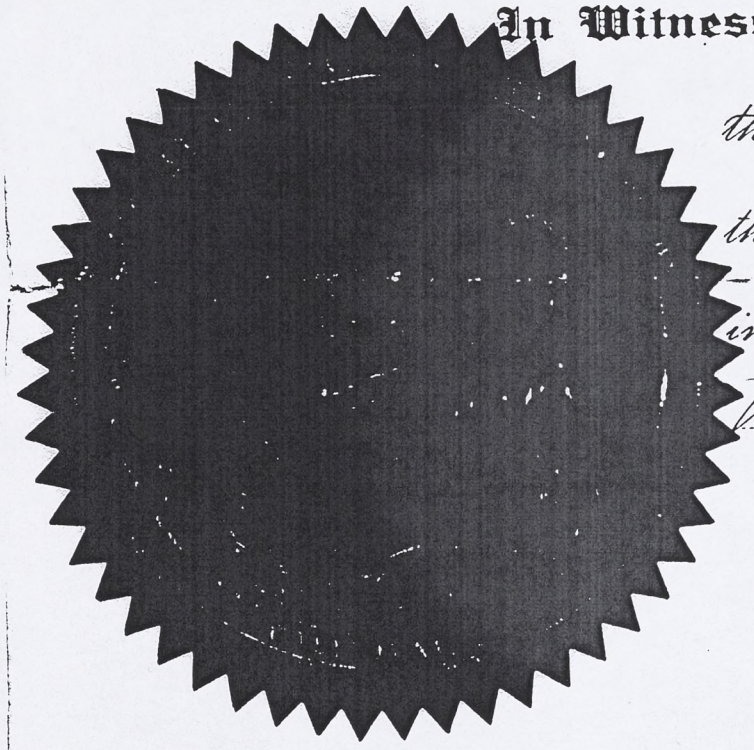
I, HENRY T. GAGE, *Governor of the State of California, in the name and by the authority of the* PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, *do by these* PRESENTS, *Appoint and Commission him, the said* Jas K Dixon, *a*

NOTARY PUBLIC

in and for the County of Santa Clara, to reside at Cupertino, for the term prescribed by law.

Original

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Sacramento, this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.



Hiram J. Gage
Governor of the State of California.

By the Governor: C. F. Curry
Secretary of State.

By J. Hunck
Deputy.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That, reposing special confidence in the capacity and integrity

of Jas. K. Dixon,

I, HENRY T. GAGE, Governor of the State of California, in the name and by the authority of the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, do by these PRESENTS, Appoint and Commission him, the said Jas. K. Dixon, a

NOTARY PUBLIC

in and for the County of Santa Clara, to reside at Cupertino, for the term prescribed by law.

Original

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Sacramento, this 11th day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and two.

Henry T. Gage
Governor of the State of California

By the Governor: C. F. Curry
Secretary of State

By [illegible]
Deputy

REDUCED

Notary Public's Oath.

State of California,
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA } ss.

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Notary Public in and for said County, according to the best of my ability.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10
day of March A. D. 1902
Henry A. Foster Clerk.
By J. Daly Deputy Clerk

Jacob K. Dixon

FILED for Record.
MAR 19 1902
HENRY A. FOSTER, Clerk.
By J. Daly DEPUTY.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION WAS HOTLY CONTESTED

VOTERS STRUGGLE OVER TRUSTEES AND MARSHAL.

Pacific Press at Mountain View Nearing Completion—Tennyson Club Formed.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—On Monday a warm municipal election resulted in the election of the following officers: Trustees, J. S. Mockbee, Julius Wellheimer, George Swall, D. B. Frink and P. E. Burns; marshal, R. White; treasurer, Alvin P. Rogers; clerk, J. Van Doren.

The fight was over the trustees and marshal, but Trustees Mockbee and Wellheimer were elected by a handsome majority.

Reception to High Officers.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—Saturday evening, April 9, seventeen members of the Mira Monte Chapter, O. E. S., attended a reception tendered Mrs. D. B. Frink, D. D. W. G. M., by the Palo Alto Chapter at Fraternity hall, Palo Alto.

After the business meeting an hour was devoted to an illustrated lecture given through Italy, Egypt and the Holy Land by Dr. May. Then all were escorted to the banquet hall where a dainty repast was served.

Literary Club Organized.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—A Tuesday evening Tennyson club has been formed by a few of the young people of Mountain View. Rev. Mr. Williams has kindly consented to give the club a regular university lecture course on Tennyson, and those who are fortunate enough to attend will receive a literary treat seldom secured outside a college town. The club meets at the home of Miss Edna Lauer.

New Publishing Establishment.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—Work is advancing quite rapidly on the building to be occupied by the Pacific Coast Publishing company. The poles have been set and the wires strung to convey the electric power to the motors. It is the plan to have all the machinery run by electricity.

Already a great many people connected with the company have moved into town, but during the summer it is anticipated that between one and two hundred families will come.

Mountain View Notes.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—Dr. Askam's wife and two daughters arrived from Atlanta, Georgia yesterday. The doctor came to Mountain View a month ago to assist his brother, Dr. P. Askam, in his large practice and has decided to remain here.

W. M. Farr made a business trip to Santa Cruz this week.

E. Knapp is building three cottages on Hope street, next to Father Finn's.

Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield of Redwood City visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rog-

BURIAL OF PROMINENT CUPERTINO MERCHANT

SERVICES OVER REMAINS OF THE LATE J. K. P. DIXON.

Honored for His Upright Character and Entrusted With Responsible Positions.

CUPERTINO, April 15.—Cupertino has suffered a severe loss in the death of one of its most prominent citizens, James K. P. Dixon, who, after an illness of only a few days, passed away Tuesday morning. The interment took place yesterday in Mountain View.

The funeral services were held in the Cupertino Union church, where the pastor delivered an address on the virtues of the departed friend and neighbor, alluding especially to his straightforward honesty and sterling integrity. The services at the grave were conducted by the local lodge of Masons, with their impressive rites, and followed by the Odd Fellows' ceremony, conducted by Cupertino lodge, No. 70, of which Brother Dixon was acting past grand. The funeral was also attended by Cupertino camp, W. O. W., and the ladies of Philotesian Rebekah lodge, and by hundreds of sorrowing friends.

J. K. P. Dixon was born in 1856 in Mountain View. His first start in business was made in Milpitas. From there he went into the commission business in San Francisco, also being engaged for a while in the San Francisco mint. In April of 1892 he accepted the position of manager of the Home Union branch in Cupertino, which he occupied until May 1, 1902, when he, with A. Wilson, bought out the business and continued it under the firm name of Dixon & Wilson.

He was one of the most prominent members of Cupertino lodge of Odd Fellows, where he had just passed through the chairs. He was also first consul commander of Cupertino camp, W. O. W., and a member of Philotesian Rebekah lodge, and the Masonic lodge in San Jose.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow and two sons, Howard and Harold; his father, living at Warm Springs; his brother, F. W. Dixon, of San Francisco, and two sisters, Mrs. Dr. Crosby of Fruitvale and Miss Hattie Dixon of Vallejo.

For rates to St. Louis fair and detailed information about rates, stopover privileges, etc., see Southern Pacific, 16 South First street, and depots.

Miss Janet Cutter, Charles and Edward Ehrhorn.

Mountain View Girls Win.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, April 15.—Last Saturday the Mountain View Grammar School Basketball team played a game with the Los Gatos high school with a score of 12 to 6 in favor of the Mountain View girls. As it was the second game between the two teams it

ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SEVENTY-NINTH YEAR

FRIENDS TENDER CONGRATULATIONS TO WM. GREER.

Lecture on "The War Between Russia and Japan" by Rev. M. C. Harris.

LOS GATOS, April 15.—Last Saturday William Greer, of Shannon Road, passed the 79th anniversary of his birthday, and his wife planned a pleasant surprise for his benefit. A number of the neighbors and friends were invited and the event was duly celebrated in a manner suitable to the occasion. The parlors were handsomely decorated, dainty refreshments served, and a most enjoyable evening was passed.

A Fine Lecture.

LOS GATOS, April 15.—The lecture delivered last evening in the Methodist church by Rev. M. C. Harris on "The War Between Russia and Japan," owing to the inclemency of the weather, was not so well attended as it doubtless would have been had the conditions been more favorable; but those who did attend were not disappointed in their expectations of hearing a great lecture, the subject of which is destined to wield a powerful influence on the world's future.

Meetings Still Continue.

LOS GATOS, April 15.—The revival meetings conducted by Mrs. Hazelrigg, evangelist, and Mrs. Read, soloist, which have been held each evening at the Christian church for the past week, still continue, and are drawing a good audience each evening. It is quite probable that these meetings will be continued through another week.

High School Examinations.

LOS GATOS, April 15.—Professor Longe of the state university at Berkeley visited the Los Gatos high school today and put in most of the time examining the pupils of the different classes. He seems well pleased with the progress made in this department.

Resolutions of Respect.

LOS GATOS, April 15.—The following resolutions were passed by the board of library trustees at their last meeting:

Whereas, Since the last session of this board it has pleased God to remove from our midst our late worthy and greatly esteemed librarian, Miss Bessie Cooper; and

Whereas, By reason of the faithful and efficient services long rendered by the deceased as librarian and the pleasant relations existing with this board, it is deemed proper that we place on record our appreciation of her services and her gentle Christian character; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Bessie Cooper with deep feelings of regret, but consoled by the hope that

Correct Clothes



Copyrights 1903, A. B. & Co.

0 g
clot
any
—yo
goo
Whet
$15
ALFR
& CO. Clothes, you get
value. Find this labe

Alfred Benjam
MAKERS * NE

on your coat-hanger,
pocket, or waistcoat st
find the highest grad
service apparel that
be produced.

Equal to fine custom-mad
price. The makers' gua
ours, with every garment
Exclusive Distributors in t

T. W. HOBSO
First and Post St

business in Hanford for so
has returned to Los Gat
cated.

Miss Pearl Hardin of H
visited her sister, Mrs. A.
this week went to Sacra
terday for a few days'
friends. She was accompa
little niece, Miss Faith

The Mountain View
grammar school won th
game played against the
girls of the high school
day. This is "our girls" s
at the hands of the girls
View grammar school. Th

M. A. Powell, who recen
barber shop to Dalton Kirk
pects to go to Uklah to l
near future. Mr. Powell wi
in the Gem City, where h
for the past 12 years.

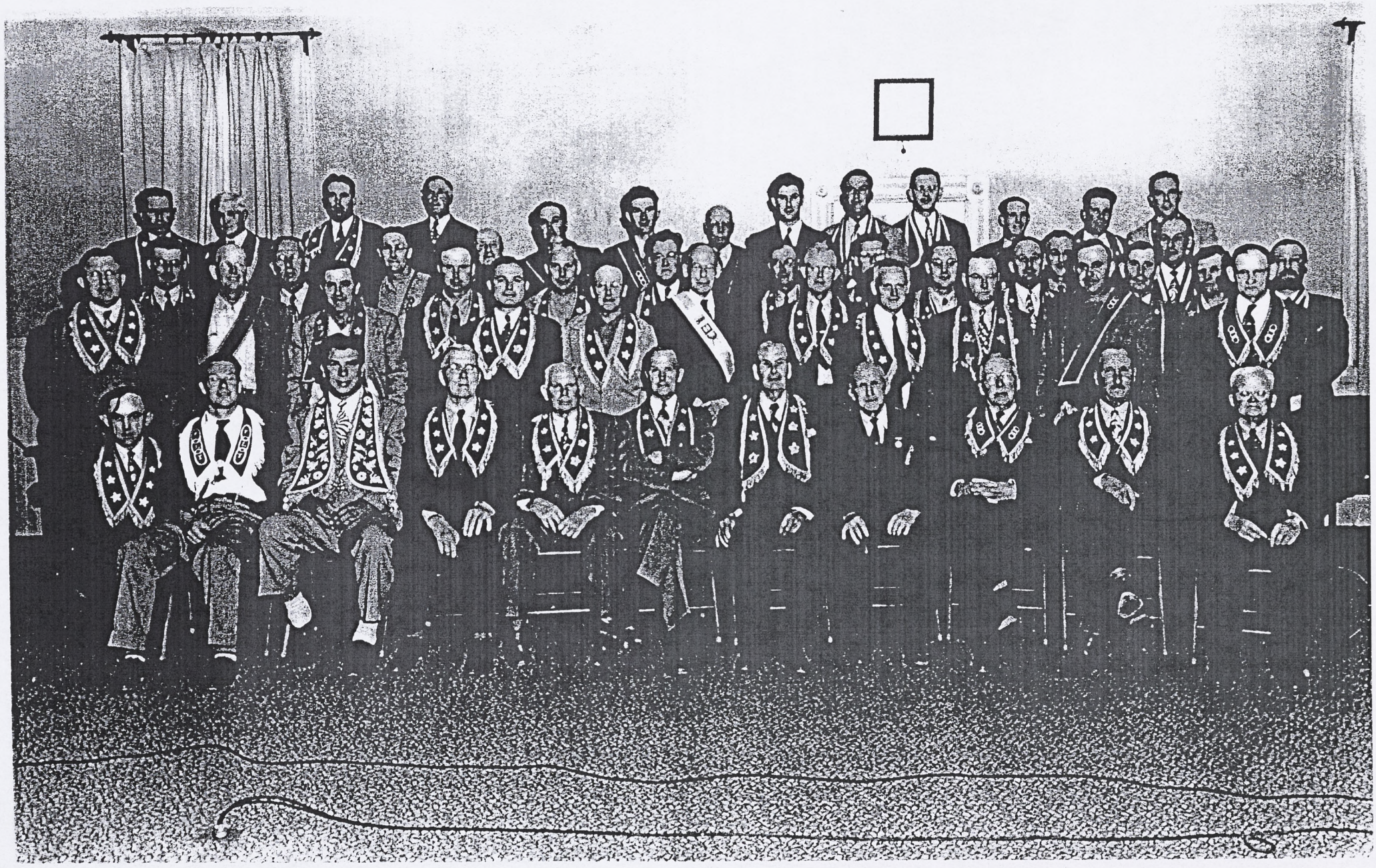
Miss Henri Rankin, who
ly elected to the position
to fill a vacancy caused b
of Miss Bessie Cooper, i
be very capable and well
occupy that important pos

In its advanced and ch
cold in the head is known
Catarrh and is the recogn
of other diseases. Having
test of continued successfu
Cream Balm is recognized a
for membranal diseases in
passages. It is not drying
produce sneezing. Price 5
druggists or by mail. Ely
56 Warren St., New York.

Give up prejudice and try
Messrs. Ely Bros.:—I
afflicted with catarrh for tw
It made me so weak I tho

April 18, 1949 ODD FELLOWS

1997.204.45



On May 20, 1900, at a meeting of the Cupertino Union Parish Church, a committee havimg same in charge, reported that it was their opinion that the Community was ready for an organized Church, so they recommended that the Church Society be id disincorporated and a Church be formed in its place to assume all property and oligations of the Society. A motion was carried instructing the trustees to appear before proper authorities and have the Society disincorporated. The result of this action was the organization of the Cupertino Union Church/

After the organizing of the Cupertino Union Church on May 20, 1900, there is no recorded meeting of the Church trustees until December 15, 1901. During the period just ~~jenti~~- mentioned, supplies filled the pulpit until February 1901, when Rev. C.D. Millikin was secured to act as a regualr pastor.

At the December 15, 1901 meeting of the trustees of the Church was held for the purpose of discussing ways and means to build a parsonage. A committee was selected to solicit funds for that purpose. The committee was composed of the following: Mrs. B. Grant Taylor, Mrs. E.A. Wheeler, Mrs. Mary Harrison, Mrs. Dora RAmbo, Mrs. Sarah Blake and M.B. Atkinson. No record seems to have been made of the election of the trustees at this meeting. These trustees were as follows: Messrs. Kirkwood, Dixon, Parrish, Crittenden and North. Mr. North being Clerk.

At the annual meeting of the Church on May 12, 1901, the officers reports were read and approved. The following officers were elected.

G. North	Clerk
M.B. Atkinson	Deacons
Dr. E.H. Durgin	Deacons
Mrs. Grimes	Deaconess
Mrs. C.W. Proctor	Deaconess
Mr. Mr. Wheeler	Treasurer
Mr. Kirkwood	Trustees
Mr. Dixon	Trustees
Mr. E.J. Parrish	Trustees
Mr. Crittenden	Trustees
MR. O.B. Wood	Trustees

On Mae March 4, 1902 after the Sunday services, the trustees met in special session. Mr. Kirkwood resigned as chairman of the board. Mr. Dixon was elected in his place. Mr. O.B. Wood also resigned as trustee, and Mr. Frank Snow was elected in his place.

At the annual meeting of the Church, May 8, 1902, the trustees then in office were reelected.

Mr. Kirkwood,	)
Mr. Dixon	)
Mr. E.J. Parrish	) Trustees
Mr. Crittenden	)
Mr. Frank Snow	)
M.B. Atkinson	) Deacons
F.H. Rambo	)
Mrs. L. Grimes	) Deaconess
Mrs. Sara Hall	)
G. North	) Clerk
E.A. Wheeler	) Treasurer

At the ~~real~~ regular annual meeting, May 11, 1903 the officers elected were as follows:

M.B. Atkinson	) Deacons
Francis H. Rambo	)
Mrs. Sara Hall	) Deaconess
Mrs. L. Grimes	)
E.H. Wheeler	) Treasurer
G. North	) Clerk
R.C. Kirkwood	)
E.H.J. Parish	)
B. Grant Taylor	) Trustees
Glandening	)
Dixon	)

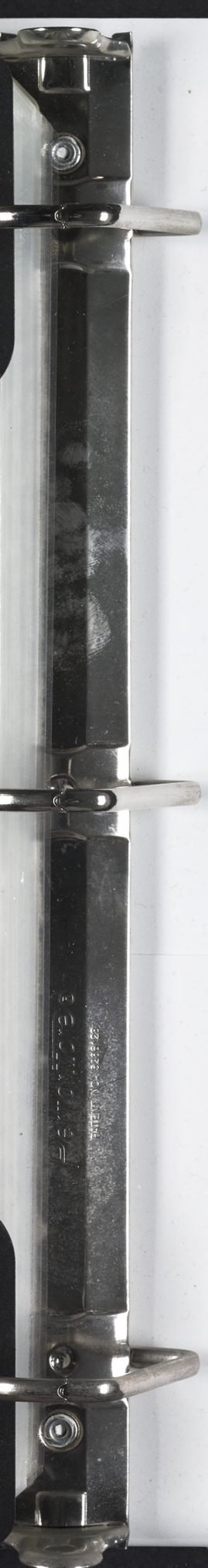
Resolutions were passed expressing the ~~rel~~ feeling of the Church at the loss sustained in the passing of Mr. Dixon, one of the former officers of the Church. This resolution was amended to include a committee to be appointed by the Pastor to draw up a appropiate resolutions concerning all those who had been called away during the past year. This committee reported as follows:

Wheraas, in the year that has just passed, was-a-a- we as a Church have felt keenly the sorrow that Death has brought to the homes of our fellowship and community. We therefore desire to acknowledge with gratitude our debt of love to those who have been taken from our midst. Mrs. Rodgers, C.H. Crittenden, Mrs. E.H. Wheeler, Mrs. Woods, Mr. J.K. Dixon. We ~~tak~~ thank our Heavenly Father for the example of these friends, their gentleness, grace and integrity.

In the death of Jas. Dixon the Church mourns a servant who was ever faithful to his trust.

We would humbly ask that from these lives, there may still come the inspiration of their service, the light of their love, that together we may walk with them and the Master toward the life immortal.

Mrs. B.G. Taylor)
Mr. B.G. Taylor) Committee



Universal®

VIEW BINDERS
1 1/2" D RING

20743	BLACK
20744	WHITE
20737	BLUE